DRAWING AMENDMENTS:

Six sheets of replacement drawings are attached hereto encompassing Figs. 21 to 26. In each of the replacement sheet of drawings the legend "PRIOR ART" was inserted, as requested in the *Ex parte Quayle* action mailed September 28, 2006. It is respectfully requested that the original six sheets of drawings for Figs. 21 to 26 be replaced with the attached six replacement sheets of drawings for Figs. 21 to 26.

REMARKS:

In the foregoing amendments, applicant's specification disclosure was amended to correct idiomatic and/or typographical errors, along the lines suggested in the *Ex parte Quayle* action mailed September 28, 2006. Namely, the specification disclosure was amended to identify embodiment(s) of the application or invention. The foregoing amendments to the specification included identifying that the present application is a U.S. national phase application of International Application No. PCT/JP03/11783, filed September 16, 2003, as requested *Ex parte Quayle* action mailed September 28, 2006. In addition, Figs. 21 to 26 were designated as "PRIOR ART," also as requested in the *Ex parte Quayle* action mailed September 28, 2006.

The *Ex parte Quayle* action mailed September 28, 2006, indicated that the application is a condition for allowance except for formal matters, which were corrected as mentioned above.

Accordingly, a formal allowance of pending claims 1-5 is respectfully requested.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the *Ex parte Quayle* action mailed September 28, 2006. While it is believed that all the claims in this application are in condition for allowance, should the examiner have any comments or questions, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be telephoned at the below listed number to resolve any outstanding issues.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our deposit account No. 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted, POSZ LAW GROUP, PLC

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